A FORME OF PRAYER - 1626

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Necessary to bee vsed in these dangerous *times, of Warre and Pestilence,* for the safety and preseruation of his MAIESTY and his Realmes.

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THE ORDER FOR MORNING PRAYER.

¶ First the Minister shall say.

GOuerne vs (O Lord) and yet in thy iudgement, not in thy fury, lest wee should bee consumed, and brought to nothing. Iere.10.

¶ Then shall follow the Exhortation.

DEarely beloued Brethren, the Scripture mooueth vs in sundry places, to acknowledge and confesse our manifold sinnes and wickednesse, and that wee should not dissemble nor cloake them before the face of Almightie God our heauenly Father, but confesse them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obe-

dient heart, to the end that we may obtaine forgiuenesse of the same, by his infinite goodnesse and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sinnes before God: yet ought we most chiefly so to doe, when we assemble and meet together, to render thankes for the great benefites that we haue receiued at his handes, to set forth his most worthy praise, to heare his most holy Word, and to aske those things which be requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soule. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as bee heere present, to accompany mee with a pure heart and humble voyce, vnto the Throne of the heauenly grace, saying after mee.

¶ The Confession to bee said of the whole Congregation, kneeling.

ALmighty and most mercifull Father, Wee haue erred and strayed from thy wayes like lost sheepe, Wee haue followed too much the deuices and desires of our owne hearts, Wee haue offended against thy holy lawes, Wee haue left vndone those things which wee ought to haue done, And we haue done those things which we ought not to haue done, And there is no healthy in vs: But thou, O Lord, haue mercy vpon vs miserable offenders, Spare thou them, O God, which confesse their faults, Restore thou them that be penitent, according to thy promises declared vnto mankinde in Christ Iesu our Lord;

And

And grant, O most mercifull Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter liue a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

¶ The absolution to bee pronounced by the Priest alone.

ALmighty God, the Father of our Lord Iesus Christ, which desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that hee may turne from his wickednesse and liue, and hath giuen power and commandement to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sinnes: hee pardoneth and absolueth all them which truely repent, and vnfainedly beleeue his holy Gospel. Wherefore wee beseech him to grant vs true repentance and his holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we doe at this present, and that the rest of our life hereafter may bee pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to his eternall ioy through Iesus Christ our Lord.

¶ The Priest shall begin, and say.

OUr Father which art in heauen. Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdome come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heauen. Giue vs this day our daily bread. And forgiue vs our trespasses, as we forgiue them that trespasse against vs. And leade vs not into temptation:

but

but deliuer vs from euill: for thine is the kingdome, the power and the glory, for euer and euer. Amen.

Priest.

O Lord open thou our lips.

Answer.

And our mouth shall shew foorth thy praise.

Priest.

O God make speed to saue vs.

Answer.

O Lord make haste to helpe vs.

Priest.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Sonne, and to the holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and euer shall be, world without end, Amen.

Praise yee the Lord.

¶ Then shall be said or sung this Psalme following, in stead of *Venite exultemus*.

1. Psal. 18. I Will loue thee, O Lord, my strength: the Lord is my stonie rocke and my defence, my Sauiour, my God and my might in whom I will trust, my buckler, the horne also of my saluation, and my refuge.

2. In my trouble I will call vpon the Lord, and complaine vnto my God: so shall I be safe from mine enemies.

3 So

So shall hee heare my voyce out of his holy Temple: and my complaint shall come before him, it shall enter euen into his eares. 3

Heare my prayer, O Lord: and let my crying come vnto thee. 4

Psal. 102.

Hide not thy face from mee in the time of my trouble: incline thine eare vnto me when I call, oh heare me, and that right soone. 5

The enemie cryeth so, and the vngodly commeth on so fast: for they are minded to doe mee some mischiefe, so maliciously are they set against mee. 6

Psal. 55.

Thou art my King, O God: send helpe vnto Iacob. 7

Psal. 44.

Through thee will wee ouerthrow our enemies: and in thy Name will wee tread them vnder that rise vp against vs. 8

For I will not trust in my bow: it is not my sword that shall helpe me. 9

But it is thou that saueſt vs from our enemies: and putteſt them to confusion that hate vs. 10

There is no King that can bee saued by the multitude of an hoste: neither is any mighty man deliuered by much strength. 11

Psal. 33.

Therefore in thee, O Lord, haue I put my trust: let me neuer bee put to confusion, deliuer mee in thy righteousnesse. 12

Psal. 31.

Bow downe thine eare to me, and saue mee: make haste to deliuer me. 13

My time is in thy hand, deliuer mee from the 14

hand of mine enemies: and from them that perſecute me.

Pleade thou my cauſe, O Lord, with them
15 **that ſtriue with mee: and fight thou againſt**
Pſal.35. **them that fight againſt me.**

16 Lay hand vpon the ſhield and buckler: and ſtand vp to helpe mee.

17 **Bring foorth the ſpeare, and ſtop the way a-**
gainſt them that perſecute mee: ſay vnto my
ſoule, I am thy ſaluation.

18 Let them bee confounded, and put to ſhame that ſeeke after my ſoule: let them bee turned backe, and brought to confuſion that imagine miſchiefe for mee.

19 **Let them be as the duſt before the wind: and**
the Angel of the Lord ſcattering them.

20 Let their way bee darke and ſlippery: and the Angel of the Lord perſecute them.

21 **But let the eye of the Lord be vpon them that**
Pſal.33. **feare him: and put their truſt in his mercie.**

22 To deliuer their ſoules from death: and to feed them in the time of dearth.

23 **O Lord, take heed vnto mee and heare mee:**
Pſal.55. **how I mourne in my prayer, and am vexed.**

24 For I will confeſſe my wickedneſſe: and bee ſorry for my ſinne.

Pſal.38. 25 **I ſaid, I will confeſſe my ſins vnto the Lord:**
Pſal.32. **and ſo thou forgaueſt the wickednes of my ſinne.**

26 For this ſhall euery one that is godly make his prayer vnto thee in a time when thou mayeſt bee found: but in the great water floods they ſhall not come nigh him.

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The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise. 27 Psal. 51.

O bee fauourable and gracious vnto Sion: build thou the walles of Ierusalem. 28

And now, Lord, what is my hope? truly my hope is euen in thee. 29 Psal. 39.

Let thy mercifull kindnesse be vpon vs: like as wee doe put our trust in thee. 30 Psal. 33.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Sonne, and to the holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now and euer shall be, world without end, Amen.

Domine quid. Psal. 3.

ORD how are they increased that trouble me: many are they that rise against me.

2 Many one there bee that say of my soule; there is no help for him in his God.

3 But thou, O Lord, art my defender: thou art my worship, and the lifter vp of my head.

4 I did call vpon the Lord with my voyce: and he heard me out of his holy hill.

5 I laid me downe and slept, and rose vp againe: for the Lord sustained me.

6 I will not be afraid for ten thousands of people: that haue set themselues against mee round about.

7 Vp Lord, and helpe mee, O my God: for thou smittest all mine enemies vpon the cheeke bone, thou hast broken the teeth of the vngodly.

8 Saluation belongeth vnto the Lord: and thy blessing is vpon the people.

Glory bee to the Father, and to the Sonne: and to the holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and euer shall be: world without end, Amen.

Dominus illuminatio. Psal. 27.

THe Lord is my light, and my saluation, whom then shall I feare: the Lord is the strength of my life, of whom then shall I be afraid?

2 When the wicked (euen mine enemies and my foes) came vpon me to eate vp my flesh: they stumbled and fell.

3 Though an hoste of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid: and though there rose vp warre against me, yet will I put my trust in him.

4 One thing haue I desired of the Lord, which I will require: euen that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the dayes of my life, to beholde the faire beauty of the Lord, and to visit his Temple.

5 For in the time of trouble, he shall hide me in his Tabernacle: yea, in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me, and set me vp vpon a rocke of stone.

6 And

6 And now shall he lift vp mine head: aboue mine enemies round about me.

7 Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladnesse: I will sing and speake praises vnto the Lord.

8 Hearken vnto my voyce, O Lord, when I cry vnto thee: haue mercy vpon mee, and heare me.

9 My heart hath talked of thee, seeke ye my face: thy face, Lord, will I seeke.

10 O hide not thou thy face from me: nor cast thy seruant away in displeasure.

11 Thou hast been my succour: leaue me not, neither forsake me, O God of my saluation.

12 When my father and my mother forsake me: the Lord taketh me vp.

13 Teach mee thy way, O Lord: and leade me in the right way, because of mine enemies.

14 Deliuer me not ouer into the will of mine aduersaries: for there are false witnesses risen vp against me, and such as speake wrong.

15 I should vtterly haue fainted: but that I beleeue verily to see the goodnesse of the Lord in the land of the liuing.

16 O tarry thou the Lords leasure: be strong, and hee shall comfort thine heart, and put thou thy trust in the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Sonne: and to the holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and euer shall be; world without end, Amen.

Deus noster refugium. Psal. 46.

GOd is our hope and strength: a very present helpe in trouble.

2 Therefore will we not feare though the earth be mooued: and though the hils be carried into the midst of the Sea.

3 Though the waters thereof rage and swell: and though the mountaines shake at the tempest of the same.

4 The riuers of the flood thereof shall make glad the Citie of God: the holy place of the Tabernacle of the most Highest.

5 God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be remooued: God shall helpe her, and that right early.

6 The Heathen make much adoe, and the Kingdomes are mooued: but God hath shewed his voyce, and the earth shall melt away.

7 The Lord of hostes is with vs: the God of Jacob is our refuge.

8 O come hither, and behold the workes of the Lord: what destruction hee hath brought vpon the earth.

9 He maketh wars to cease in all the world: hee breaketh the bow, and knappeth the speare in sunder, and burneth the chariots in the fire.

10 Be still then, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, and I will be exalted in the earth.

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11 The Lord of hostes is with vs: the God of Iacob is our refuge.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Sonne: and to the holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and euer shall be: world without end, Amen.

Deus quis similis? Psal. 83.

Hold not thy tongue, O God, keepe not still silence: refraine not thy selfe, O God.

2 For loe, thine enemies make a murmuring: and they that hate thee, haue lift vp their head.

3 They haue imagined craftily against thy people: and taken counsell against thy secret ones.

4 They haue said, Come, and let vs roote them out, that they be no more a people: and that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance.

5 For they haue cast their heads together with one consent: and are confederate against thee.

6 The Tabernacles of the Edomites and the Ismaelites: the Moabites, and Hagarenes.

7 Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalech: the Philistines, with them that dwell at Tyre.

8 Assur also is ioyned vnto them: and haue holpen the children of Lot.

9 But

9 But doe thou to them as vnto the Madianites: vnto Sisera, and vnto Jabin, at the Brooke of Kison.

10 Which perished at Endor: and became as the dung of the earth.

11 Make them and their Princes like Oreb and Zeb: yea, make all their Princes like as Zeba and Zalmana.

12 Which say, Let vs take to our selues: the houses of God in possession.

13 O my God, make them like vnto a wheele: and as the stubble before the winde.

14 Like as the fire that burneth vp the wood: and as the flame that consumeth the Mountaines.

15 Persecute them euen so with thy tempest: and make them afraid with thy storme.

16 Make their faces ashamed, O Lord: that they may seeke thy Name.

17 Let them be confounded and vexed euer more and more: let them be put to shame and perish.

18 And they shall know that thou (whose Name is Jehouah:) art onely the most highest ouer all the earth.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Sonne: and to the holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and euer shall be: world without end, Amen.

¶ For

¶ For the *First Lesson* is appointed to be read *The Second Booke of the Kings*, from the seuenteenth Verse of the eighteenth *Chapter*, to the end of the nineteenth *Chapter*. Of *Hezekiah* and *Sennacherib*.

Or

The Second Booke of the Chronicles, the thirteenth *Chapter*, to the end of the twentieth Verse. Of *Abijahs* warre against *Ieroboam*.

WE praise thee, O God: wee knowledge thee to be the Lord. *Te Deum laudamus.*

All the earth doth worship thee: the Father euerlasting.

To thee all Angels cry aloud: the heauens and all the powers therein.

To thee Cherubin, and Seraphin: continually doe cry.

Holy, holy, holy: Lord God of Sabbaoth.

Heauen and earth are full of the Maiesty: of thy glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles: praise thee.

The goodly fellowship of the Prophets: praise thee.

The noble army of Martyrs: praise thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world: doeth knowledge thee.

The Father: of an infinite Maiesty.

Thine honourable, true: and onely Sonne.

Also the holy Ghost: the Comforter.

Thou art the King of glory: O Christ.

Thou art the euerlasting Sonne: of the Father.

When thou tookest vpon thee to deliuer man: thou didst not abhorre the Virgins wombe.

When thou haddest ouercome the sharpenesse of death: thou diddest open the kingdome of heauen to all beleeuers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God: in the glory of the Father.

Wee beleeue that thou shalt come: to be our Iudge.

Wee therefore pray thee helpe thy seruants: whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbred with thy Saints: in glory euerlasting.

O Lord saue thy people: and blesse thine heritage.

Gouerne them: and lift them vp for euer.

Day by day: we magnifie thee.

And we worship thy Name: euer world without end.

Vouchsafe (O Lord:) to keepe vs this day without sinne.

O Lord haue mercy vpon vs: haue mercy vpon vs.

O Lord let thy mercy lighten vpon vs: as our trust is in thee.

O Lord in thee haue I trusted: let mee neuer bee confounded.

¶ For

¶ For the *Second Lesson* is appointed to be read the foure and twentieth *Chapter* of *Saint Matthew.*

BLessed be the Lord God of Israel: for hee hath visited and redeemed his people. Benedictus.

And hath raised vp a mightie saluation for vs: in the house of his seruant Dauid.

As hee spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets: which haue bin since the world began.

That we should be saued from our enemies: and from the hands of all that hate vs.

To performe the mercy promised to our forefathers: and to remember his holy couenant.

To performe the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham: that he would giue vs.

That wee being deliuered out of the hands of our enemies: might serue him without feare.

In holinesse and righteousnesse before him: all the dayes of our life.

And thou Childe shalt bee called the Prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt goe before the face of the Lord to prepare his wayes.

To giue knowledge of saluation vnto his people: for the remission of their sinnes.

Through the tender mercy of our God: wherby the day-spring from an high hath visited vs.

To giue light to them that sit in darknesse, and in the shadow of death: and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Sonne, and to the holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and euer shall bee: world without end. Amen.

¶ The Creede to be said standing.

I Beleeue in God the Father Almighty, maker of heauen and earth: and in Iesus Christ his onely Sonne our Lord, which was conceiued by the holy Ghost, borne of the Virgine Mary, suffered vnder Ponce Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried, he descended into hel, the third day he rose againe from the dead, hee ascended into heauen, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence shall he come to iudge the quick and the dead. I beleeue in the holy Ghost, the holy Catholique Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiuenesse of sinnes, the resurrection of the body, and the life euerlasting. Amen.

The prayers, all deuoutly kneeling.

The Lord be with you.

Answer.

And with thy spirit.

Priest.

¶ Let vs pray.

Lord haue mercy vpon vs.

Christ haue mercy vpon vs.

Lord haue mercy vpon vs.

Our

OUr Father which art in heauen, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdome come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heauen. Giue vs this day our dayly bread. And forgiue vs our trespasses, as we forgiue them that trespasse against vs. And leade vs not into temptation: but deliuer vs from euill. For thine is the kingdome, the power, and the glory, for euer and euer. Amen.

¶ The Priest standing vp, shall say.

O Lord shew thy mercy vpon vs.

Answer.

And grant vs thy saluation.

Priest.

O Lord saue the King.

Answer.

And mercifully heare vs when we call vpon thee.

Priest.

O Lord saue thy seruants.

Answer.

Who doe put their trust in thee.

Priest.

Send them helpe from thy Holy place.

Answer.

And euermore mightily defend them.

Priest.

Let our enemies haue no aduantage ouer vs.

Answer.

Nor the wicked approach to hurt vs.

Priest.

Be vnto vs O Lord a strong Tower.

Answer.

From the face of our enemies.

Priest.

O Lord heare our prayer.

Answer.

And let our cry come vnto thee.

Priest.

Indue thy Ministers with righteousnesse.

Answer.

And make thy chosen people ioyfull.

Priest.

O Lord saue thy people,

Answer.

And blesse thine inheritance.

Priest.

Giue peace in our time, O Lord.

Answer.

Because there is none other that fighteth for vs, but onely thou, O God.

Priest.

O God make cleane our hearts within vs.

Answer.

And take not thy holy Spirit from vs.

Priest.

¶ Let vs pray.

¶ The first Collect for the day.

O Almighty God, King of all kings, and gouernour of all things, whose power no creature is able to resist, to whom it belongeth iustly

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to punish sinners, and to bee mercifull to them that truely repent: saue and deliuer vs (wee humbly beseech thee) from the hands of our enemies, abate their pride, asswage their malice, and confound their deuices, that wee being armed with thy defence, may be preserued euermore from all perils, to glorifie thee, which art the onely giuer of all victory, through the merits of thy onely Sonne Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ Or this.

O Lord God of hostes, that giuest victory in the day of battell, and deliuerance in the time of trouble, we beseech thee to strengthen the hands, and to encourage the hearts of thy seruants, in fighting thy battels, and defending thy Altars that are among vs. Let thy Church be kept in safetie, and the state of thine Anoynted bee free from all that shalbe attempted against it, either by Sea or Land. And although for our manifold sinnes, wee deserue to bee now consumed by the sword, as of late we were wasted by the pestilence, Yet vpon our humble and vnfained contrition let the multitude of thy mercies saue vs, and the merits of thy Sonne Christ our Lord deliuer vs, that when we haue escaped the furie of our enemies, and seene them sent backe the same way they came, wee may blesse thy glorious Name, and

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serue thee without feare in holinesse and righteousnesse all the dayes of our life, who liuest and reignest, &c.

¶ Or this.

O Eternall God and most merciful Father, we humbly beseech thee to ~~bee merciful vnto vs, and be neere to~~ helpe vs in all those extremities which our sinnes threaten to bring vpon vs. Our enemies are strengthened ~~against vs by our multiplied rebellions against~~ thee, and wee deserue to suffer what ~~our enemies~~ threaten, euen suddaine surprisall and destruction ~~to desolation.~~ But there is mercy with thee that thou mayest be feared; and there is mercy with thee, that they may not bee feared. Shew vs therefore thy mercy O Lord, and let vs so feare thee, that wee may neuer bee brought to feele or feare them, And when thou wilt correct vs for our sinnes, let vs fall into thy hands, and not into the hands of men, euen for Christ Jesus sake our onely Mediatour and Redeemer. Amen.

¶ The second Collect.

O God which art the Author of peace, & louer of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternall life, whose seruice is perfect freedome, defend vs thy humble seruants in all assaults of our enemies, that wee surely trusting

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in thy defence, may not feare the power of any aduersaries, through the might of Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ The third Collect.

O Lord our heauenly Father, Almighty and euerlasting God, which hast safely brought vs to the beginning of this day, defend vs in the same with thy mighty power, and grant that this day we fall into no sinne, neither runne into any kinde of danger: but that all our doings may be ordered by thy gouernance, to doe alwayes that is righteous in thy sight, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ *Then shall follow the Letany.*

O God the Father of heauen: haue mercy vpon vs miserable sinners.

O God the Father of heauen: haue mercy vpon vs miserable sinners.

O God the Sonne Redeemer of the world: haue mercy vpon vs miserable sinners.

O God the Sonne Redeemer of the world: haue mercy vpon vs miſerable ſinners.

O God the holy Ghoſt proceeding from the Father and the Sonne: haue mercy vpon vs miſerable ſinners.

O God the holy Ghoſt proceeding from the Father and the Sonne: haue mercy vpon vs miſerable ſinners.

O holy, bleſſed, and glorious Trinitie, three perſons and one God: haue mercy vpon vs miſerable ſinners.

O holy, bleſſed, and glorious Trinitie, three perſons and one God: haue mercy vpon vs miſerable ſinners.

Remember not Lord our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers, neither take thou vengeance of our ſinnes: ſpare vs good Lord, ſpare thy people whom thou haſt redeemed with thy moſt precious blood, and bee not angry with vs forever.

Spare vs good Lord.

From all euill and miſchiefe, from ſinne, from the crafts and aſſaults of the deuill, from thy wrath, and from euerlaſting damnation.

Good Lord deliuer vs.

From all blindneſſe of heart, from pride, vaine glory, and hypocriſie, from enuie, hatred and malice, and all vncharitableneſſe.

Good Lord deliuer vs.

From fornication, and all other deadly ſinne, and from all the deceits of the world, the flеſh

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and the deuill.

Good Lord deliuer vs.

From lightning and tempest, from plague, pestilence, and famine, from battell and murther, and from sudden death.

Good Lord deliuer vs.

From all sedition and priuy conspiracy, from all false doctrine and heresie, from hardnesse of heart, and contempt of thy Word and Commandement.

Good Lord deliuer vs.

By the mysterie of thy holy Incarnation, by thy holy Natiuitie and Circumcision, by thy Baptisme, Fasting, and Temptation.

Good Lord deliuer vs.

By thine Agony and bloody Sweate, by thy Crosse and Passion, by thy precious Death and Buriall, by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension, and by the comming of the holy Ghost.

Good Lord deliuer vs.

In all time of our tribulation, in all time of our wealth, in the houre of death, and in the day of Judgement.

Good Lord deliuer vs.

Wee sinners doe beseech thee to heare vs (O Lord God) and that it may please thee to rule and gouerne thy holy Church vniuersally in the right way.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to keepe and strengthen in the true worshipping of thee, in righ=

teousnesse and holinesse of life, thy Seruant Charles, our most gracious King and Gouernor.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to rule his heart in thy faith, feare, and loue, and that hee may euermore haue affiance in thee, and euer seeke thy honour and glory.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to bee his defender and keeper, giuing him the victorie ouer all his enemies.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to blesse and preserue our gracious Queen Mary, Fredericke the Prince Elector Palatine, the Lady Elizabeth his wife, and their Royall issue.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to illuminate all Bishops, Pastors, and Ministers of the Church, with true knowledge and vnderstanding of thy Word, and that both by their preaching and liuing, they may set it foorth, and shew it accordingly.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to endue the Lords of the Counsell, and all the Nobility, with grace, wisedome, and vnderstanding.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to blesse and keepe the Magistrates, giuing them grace to execute Iustice, and to maintaine trueth.

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We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to blesse and keepe all thy people.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to giue to all Nations, vnity, peace, and concord.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to giue vs an heart to loue and dread thee, and diligently to liue after thy commandements.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to giue to all thy people increase of grace, to heare meekely thy word, and to receiue it with pure affection, and to bring foorth the fruits of the Spirit.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to bring into the way of trueth, all such as haue erred, & are deceiued.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to strengthen such as doe stand, and to comfort and helpe the weake hearted, and to raise vp them that fall, and finally to beat downe Satan vnder our feet.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to succour, helpe and comfort all that be in danger, necessitie and tribulation.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserue all that travell by land or by water, all women labouring of child, all sicke persons and young chil-

dren, and to shew thy pittie vpon all prisoners and captiues.

We beseech thee to heare vs, good Lord.

That it may please thee to defend and prouide for the fatherlesse children and widowes, and all that be desolate and oppressed.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to haue mercie vpon all men.

We beseech thee to heare vs, good Lord.

That it may please thee to forgiue our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turne their hearts.

We beseech thee to heare vs, good Lord.

That it may please thee to giue and preserue to our vse the kindly fruits of the earth, so as in due time we may enioy them.

We beseech thee to heare vs, good Lord.

That it may please thee to giue vs true repentance, to forgiue vs all our sinnes, negligences, and ignorances, and to endue vs with the grace of thy holy Spirit, to amend our liues according to thy holy Word.

We beseech thee to heare vs, good Lord.

Sonne of God: we beseech thee to heare vs.

Sonne of God: we beseech thee to heare vs.

O Lambe of God, that takest away the sinnes of the world.

Grant vs thy peace.

O Lambe of God, that takest away the sinnes of the world.

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Haue mercy vpon vs.

O Christ heare vs.

O Christ heare vs.

Lord haue mercie vpon vs.

Lord haue mercy vpon vs.

Christ haue mercy vpon vs.

Christ haue mercy vpon vs.

Lord haue mercy vpon vs.

Lord haue mercy vpon vs.

Our Father which art in heauen, &c.

And lead vs not into temptation.

But deliuer vs from euill. Amen.

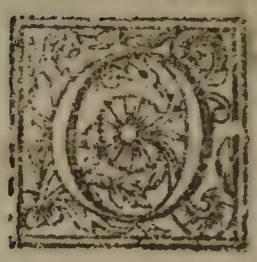
The Versicle,

O Lord deale not with vs after our sinnes.

Answer.

Neither reward vs after our iniquities.

¶ Let vs pray.



God merciful Father, that despisest not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desire of such as as be sorrowful, mercifully assist our prayers that we make before thee, in all our troubles and aduersities, whensoeuer they oppresse vs: and graciously heare vs, that those euils which the craft and subtilty of the deuill or man worketh against vs, be brought to nought, and by the prouidence of thy goodnes they may be dispersed, that we thy seruants, being hurt by no persecutions, may euermore giue thanks

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vnto thee in thy holy Church, through Iesus Christ our Lord.

O Lord arise, helpe vs, and deliuer vs for thy Names sake.

O God wee haue heard with our eares, and our fathers haue declared vnto vs, the noble workes that thou diddest in their dayes, and in the old time before them.

O Lord arise, helpe vs, and deliuer vs for thine honour.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Sonne: and to the holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and euer shall be: world without end. Amen.

From our enemies defend vs, O Christ.

Graciously looke vpon our afflictions.

Pittifully behold the sorrowes of our hearts.

Mercifully forgiue the sinnes of thy people.

Fauourably with mercy heare our prayers.

O Sonne of Dauid haue mercy vpon vs.

Both now and euer vouchsafe to heare vs, O Christ.

Graciously heare vs, O Christ,
Graciously heare vs, O Lord Christ.

The Versicle.

O Lord let thy mercy be shewed vpon vs.

Answer.

As we doe put our trust in thee.

¶ Let vs pray.

WE humbly beseech thee, O Father, mercifully to looke vpon our infirmities, and for the glory of thy Names sake, turne from vs all those euils that wee most righteously haue deserued: and grant that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercie, and euermore serue thee in holinesse and purenesse of liuing, to thy honour and glory, through our onely Mediatour and Aduocate Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then shall be said this prayer.

Eternall God and most gracious Father, wee confesse that by our manifold transgressions, wee haue deserued whatsoeuer thy Law hath threatned against sinners. Our contempt of thy diuine Seruice is great, and we heare thy word, but obey it not. Our charitie to our neighbour is cold, and our deuotion to thee is frozen. Religion is with vs, as in too many places besides, made but a pretence for other ends then thy Seruice; and there hath beene little or no care among vs to keepe Truth and Peace together, for the preseruing of our Church and State. Forgiue vs, O Lord, forgiue vs these, and all other our grieuous sinnes. Send vs light in our vnderstan-

ding, readinesse and obedience in our will, discretion in our words and actions, true, serious, and loyall endeauours, for the peace and prosperity of Ierusalem, the vnitie and glory of this Church and State; that so we may loue it, and prosper in it, full of grace in this life, and bee filled with glory in the life to come, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Or this.

LOoke downe, O gracious King of glory, looke downe from the habitation of thy holinesse, and behold vs with the eye of pitie, that lift vp our hearts and hands vnto thee for mercie. At the footstoole of thy Throne of grace, we prostrate our soules and bodies, with fasting, with teares, and supplications, beseeching thee, for the death and passion of our blessed Sauiour, to accept this our vnfained submission. To thy glory, O Lord, and to our owne shame, we confesse, that thy fauours and blessings haue made this kingdome to be admired by our friends, and enuied by our enemies: but the sinnes thereof haue called for such punishments vpon vs, as may make vs to be pitied by all. Grieuous it is, and euen a part of this our humiliation, to remember the waste of late made in the principall parts of this kingdome by the deuouring Pestilence. And this

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thy Scourge, though ceasing now to smite where it struck deepest before, yet making still further entrance into other parts of this Land, it reuiueth our sorrow, and redoubleth our humiliation before thee; that thou mayest heare the groanes of thy afflicted children, and binde vp the wounds of our deare brethren. Stop the course of thy destroying Angell, O Lord, and for the stinting of this dreadfull Infection of our bodies, cleanse, by thy purifying grace, the sinfull staines of our soules.

Let not the enemies of this Church and State triumph in our continued afflictions, and much lesse prosper in their designes for our fall and ruine. Though their power were greater then their malice against vs, yet is thy wonted fauour a safe protection against both. Shew vs therefore, O Lord, thy fauours and mercies, which haue beene euer of old, and be gracious vnto thy seruants. Watch ouer thy Sion, when it is most encompassed with danger, inspire her with wholsome counsailes, assist her with vndaunted courage, and crowne her with prosperitie and victorie ouer all her enemies. So shall our mourning be turned into ioy, and our drooping fasts, into feasts of spirituall comfort and grace, which shall leade vs to endlesse glory, by the merits of him, who hath purchased all these blessings for vs, thy onely Sonne, our euer blessed Sauiour. Amen.

¶ The prayer for the Kings Maiestie.

O Lord our heauenly Father, High and Mighty King of Kings, Lord of Lords, the onely ruler of Princes, which doest from thy Throne behold all the dwellers vpon earth, most heartily wee beseech thee with thy fauour to behold our most gracious Soueraigne Lord King Charles, and so replenish him with the grace of thy holy Spirit, that he may alway incline to thy will, & walke in thy way, endue him plenteously with heauenly gifts, grant him in health & wealth long to liue, strengthen him, that hee may vanquish and ouercome all his enemies, and finally after this life, hee may attaine euerlasting ioy and felicity, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A prayer for the Queene, Prince Fredericke, the Lady Elizabeth, and their children.

ALmighty God, the fountaine of all goodnes, we humbly beseech thee to blesse our most gracious Queene Mary, Fredericke the Prince Elector Palatine, the Lady Elizabeth his wife, with their children: Endue them with thy holy Spirit, enrich them with thy heauenly grace, prosper them with all happinesse, and bring them to thine euerlasting Kingdome, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The prayer for the Bishops, and the Clergy.

ALmighty and euerlasting God, which onely workest great maruailes, send downe vpon

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our Bishops and Curates, and all Congregations committed to their charge, the healthfull spirit of thy grace, and that they may truely please thee, powre vpon them the continuall dew of thy blessing: Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Aduocate and Mediatour Jesus Christ. Amen.

A prayer of Chrysostome.

ALmighty God, which hast giuen vs grace at this time with one accord, to make our common supplications vnto thee, and doest promise that when two or three bee gathered together in thy Name, thou wilt grant their requests: fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy seruants, as may be most expedient for them, granting vs in this world knowledge of thy trueth, and in the world to come life euerlasting. Amen.

Or this.

O God, whose nature and property is euer to haue mercy and to forgiue, receiue our humble petitions, and though we bee tied and bound with the chaine of our sinnes, yet let the pitifulnesse of thy great mercy loose vs, for the honour of Jesus Christs sake, our Mediatour and Aduocate. Amen.

2. Corinthians 13.

THe grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the loue of God, and the fellowship of the holy Ghost, be with vs all euermore. Amen.

The second Seruice.

OUr Father which art in Heauen, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdome come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heauen. Giue vs this day our daily bread. And forgiue vs our trespasses, as we forgiue them that trespasse against vs. And leade vs not into temptation: But deliuer vs from euill. For thine is the kingdome, the power and the glory, for euer and euer, Amen.

The Collect.

ALmighty God, vnto whom all hearts bee open, all desires knowne, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy holy Spirit, that wee may perfectly loue thee, and worthily magnifie thy holy Name, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

¶ Then shall the Priest rehearse distinctly the tenne Com-

Commandements, and the people kneeling, shall after euery one of them aske God forgiuenesse.

Priest.

GOd spake these words, and said, I am the Lord thy God: Thou shalt haue none other Gods but me.

People.

Lord haue mercie vpon vs, and incline our hearts to keepe this Law.

Priest.

Thou shalt not make to thy selfe any grauen Image, nor the likenesse of any thing that is in heauen aboue, or in the earth beneath, or in the water vnder the earth. Thou shalt not bow downe to them, nor worship them: For I the Lord thy God am a ielous God, and visit the sinnes of the fathers vpon the children, vnto the third and fourth generation of them that hate mee, and shew mercy vnto thousands in them that loue me, and keepe my Commandements.

People.

Lord haue mercie vpon vs, and incline our hearts to keepe this Law.

Priest.

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vaine: for the Lord will not holde him guiltlesse that taketh his Name in vaine.

People.

Lord haue mercie vpon vs, and incline our hearts to keepe this Law.

Priest.

Priest.

Remember that thou keepe holy the Sabbath day. Sixe dayes shalt thou labour, and doe all that thou hast to doe, but the seuenth day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God, in it thou shalt doe no manner of worke, thou, & thy sonne, and thy daughter, thy man seruant, and thy maide seruant, thy cattell, and the stranger that is within thy gates: For in sixe dayes the Lord made Heauen and Earth, the Sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seuenth day: wherefore the Lord blessed the seuenth day, and hallowed it.

People.

Lord haue mercie vpon vs, and incline our hearts to keepe this Law.

Priest.

Honour thy father and thy mother, that thy dayes may be long in the land which the Lord thy God giueth thee.

People.

Lord haue mercie vpon vs, and incline our hearts to keepe this Law.

Priest.

Thou shalt doe no murder.

People.

Lord haue mercie vpon vs, and incline our hearts to keepe this Law.

Priest.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

People.

People.

Lord haue mercy vpon vs, and incline our hearts to keepe this Law.

Priest.

Thou shalt not steale.

People.

Lord haue mercy vpon vs, and incline our hearts to keepe this Law.

Priest.

Thou shalt not beare false witnesse against thy neighbour.

People.

Lord haue mercie vpon vs, and incline our hearts to keepe this Law.

Priest.

Thou shalt not couet thy neighbours house. Thou shalt not couet thy neighbours wife, nor his seruant, nor his mayd, nor his oxe, nor his asse, nor any thing that is his.

People.

Lord haue mercie vpon vs, and write all these thy Lawes in our hearts, we beseech thee.

℣ Let vs pray.

The Collect for the King.

ALmighty God, whose kingdome is euerlasting, and power infinite, haue mercie vpon the whole Congregation, and so rule the heart of thy chosen seruant Charles our King and Go-

uernour, that he knowing whose minister he is, may aboue all things seeke thy honour and glory, and that we his subiects, duely considering whose authority he hath, may faithfully serue, honour, and humbly obey him, in thee, and for thee according to thy blessed word and ordinance, through Iesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the holy Ghost liueth and reigneth euer one God, world without end. Amen.

The Collect of the day.

SHew forth the power of thy might, O Lord, and come among vs, and with great strength succour vs, that whereas by sin we are set in the midst of so many and great dangers, wee may by mercy be brought out againe, and the right hand of thy Maiestie may be our defence against all our enemies, through Iesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Or this.

GOd, our refuge and strength, whose power no creature is able to resist, who teachest our hands to warre and our fingers to fight, and without whom the horse and chariot is in vaine prepared against the day of battell, Defend vs, wee beseech thee, with thy mighty power, and saue vs with thine outstretched arme, that by the glory of thy strength our forces may bee preserued, and our Armies made victorious both at sea and land, euermore seruing vnder

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his banner who hath lead captiuity captiue, and as a mighty Conquerour hath by his Crosse triumphed ouer his enemies, euen Iesus Christ our Lord, To whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, &c.

The Epistle.
Ioel 2, from the 12 Verse, to the 18.

TVrne you vnto mee, with all your hearts, with fasting, weeping, and mourning: Rend your hearts, and not your clothes. Turne you vnto the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, long suffering, and of great compassion, and ready to pardon wickednesse. Then (no doubt) he also shall turne and forgiue, and after his chastening, hee shall let your increase remaine for meate and drinke offerings vnto the Lord your God. Blow out with the trumpet in Sion, proclaime a fasting, call the Congregation, and gather the people together: warne the Congregation, gather the Elders, bring the children and sucklings together. Let the Bridegroome goe forth of his chamber, and the Bride out of her closet. Let the Priestes seruе the Lord betweene the Porch and the Altar, weeping, and saying, Be fauourable, O Lord, be fauourable vnto thy people, let not thine heritage be brought to such confusion, lest the heathen be Lords thereof. Wherefore should

they say among the Heathen, Where is now their God?

The Gospel.

S. Matth. 5. from the first Vers. to the 13.

IEsus seeing the people, went vp into a mountaine, and when he was set, his disciples came to him. And after that hee had opened his mouth, hee taught them, saying, Blessed are the poore in spirit, for theirs is the kingdome of heauen. Blessed are they that mourne, for they shall receiue comfort. Blessed are the meeke, for they shall receiue the inheritance of the earth. Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousnesse, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtaine mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peace-makers, for they shal be called the children of God. Blessed are they which suffer persecution for righteousnesse sake, for theirs is the Kingdome of heauen. Blessed are ye when men reuile you, and persecute you, and shall falsely say all manner of euill sayings against you for my sake: Reioyce and bee glad, for great is your reward in heauen; for so persecuted they the Prophets which were before you.

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¶ The Nicene Creed.

I Beleeue in one God, the Father Almightie, Maker of Heauen and Earth, and of all things, visible and inuisible: and in one Lord Iesus Christ, the only begotten Sonne of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made: who for vs men, and for our saluation, came downe from Heauen, and was incarnate by the holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for vs vnder Pontius Pilate. He suffered, and was buried, and the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures, and ascended into Heauen, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And hee shall come againe with glory to iudge both the quick and the dead: whose Kingdome shall haue no ende. And I beleeue in the holy Ghost, the Lord and giuer of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Sonne, who with the Father and the Sonne together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the Prophets. And I beleeue one Catholique and Apostolique Church. I acknowledge one Baptisme for the remission of sinnes. And I looke for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

LEt your light so shine before men, that they may see your good workes, and glorifie your Father which is in heauen.

¶ Let vs pray for the whole state of Christs Church militant here on earth.

If there be no almes giuen vnto the poore, then shall the words (of accepting our almes) be left out vnsaid.

ALmighty and euerliuing God, which by thy holy Apostle hast taught vs to make prayers and supplications, and to giue thankes for all men: Wee humbly beseech thee most mercifully (to accept our almes, and) to receiue these our prayers, which wee offer vnto thy diuine Maiestie, beseeching thee to inspire continually the vniuersal Church with the Spirit of truth, vnitie and concord: and grant that all they that doe confesse thy holy Name, may agree in the trueth of thy holy Word, and liue in vnitie and godly loue. Wee beseech thee also to saue and defend all Christian Kings, Princes and Gouernours, and specially thy seruant CHARLES, our King, that vnder him wee may be godly and quietly gouerned. And grant vnto his whole Counsell, and to all that bee put in authoritie vnder him, that they may truly and indifferently minister iustice, to the punishment of wickednesse and vice, and to the maintenance of Gods true Religion and vertue. Giue grace (O heauenly Father) to all Bishops, Pastours, and Curates, that they may both by their life and doctrine set foorth thy true and liuely Word, and rightly and duely administer thy holy Sacra-

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ments. And to all thy people giue thy heauenly grace, and especially to this Congregation here present, that with meeke heart and due reuerence, they may heare and receiue thy holy Word, truely seruing thee in holinesse and righteousnes all the dayes of their life. And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodnesse (O Lord) to comfort and succour all them, which in this transitory life be in trouble, sorrow, need, sicknesse, or any other aduersitie, Grant this. O Father, for Iesus Christs sake our onely Mediatour and Aduocate. Amen.

¶ Then some of these Prayers.

Most gracious and louing Father, wee haue felt thy manifold mercies & deliuerances, no Nation more; and we haue gone beyond many people in sinning against thee. Enter not into iudgement with thy seruants, O Lord, but for the all-satisfying passion of Christ deliuer vs from thy wrath, and saue vs from the malice and crueltie of our Enemies. They be our loud and crying sinnes, that haue called them vpon vs. Let it bee an addition to thy wonted mercy, to put thy bridle into their mouthes, and thy bit betweene their teeth, to restraine their fury, and to diuert their designes, that they may finde no way in our Seas, nor any path in our floods, but may bee scattered with thy tempest, and followed with all thy stormes; and that wee being deliuered by thy

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hand, may blesse and honor thy Name, deuoutly seruing thee all our dayes, through Iesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

ALmighty and euerlasting God, mercifully looke vpon our infirmities and miseries, and in all our dangers and necessities, stretch foorth thy right hand to helpe and defend vs, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

O Lord, wee beseech thee, fauourably to heare the prayers of thy people, that wee which are iustly punished for our offences, may be mercifully deliuered by thy goodnesse, for the glory of thy Name, through Iesus Christ our Sauiour, who liueth, &c. Amen.

ASsist vs mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of thy seruants toward the attainement of euerlasting saluation, that among all the changes and chances of this mortall life, they may euer be defended by thy most gracious and ready helpe, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Almighty Lord & euerlasting God, vouchsafe we beseech thee to direct, sanctifie, and gouerne both our hearts and bodies in the wayes of thy Lawes, and in the workes of thy Commandements, that thorow thy most mightie protection, both here and euer, we may bee

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preserued in body and soule, through our Lord and Sauiour Iesus Christ. Amen.

ALmighty God, which hast promised to heare the petitions of them that aske in thy sonnes Name, we beseech thee mercifully to encline thine eares to vs that haue made now our prayers and supplications vnto thee, and grant that those things which we haue faithfully asked according to thy will, may effectually be obtained, to the reliefe of our necessity, and to the setting forth of thy glory, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ Then the Priest shall giue the blessing.

THe peace of God which passeth all vnderstanding, keepe your hearts and mindes in the knowledge and loue of God, and of his Son Iesus Christ our Lord, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Sonne, and the holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remaine with you alwayes. Amen.

¶ THE ORDER FOR EVENING PRAYER.

¶ The Priest shall say.

A Mend your liues for the Kingdome of God is at hand.

The exhortation.

DEarely beloued brethren, the Scripture mooueth vs in sundry places, to acknowledge and confesse our manifold sinnes and wickednesse, and that wee should not dissemble nor cloake them before the face of Almighty God our heauenly Father, but confesse them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart, to the end that we may obtaine forgiuenesse of the same, by his infinite goodnes and mercy. And although wee ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sinnes before God, yet ought we most chiefly so to doe, when we assemble and meet together, to render thankes for the great benefits that we haue receiued at his handes, to set foorth his most worthy praise, to heare his most holy Word, and to aske those things which be requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soule. Wherefore I pray and beseech you as many as be here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voyce, vnto the Throne of the heauenly grace, saying after mee.

¶ The Confession to bee said of the whole Congregation, kneeling.

ALmighty and most merciful Father, Wee haue erred and strayed from thy wayes like lost sheepe, Wee haue followed too much the deuices and desires of our owne hearts, Wee haue offended against thy holy lawes, Wee haue left vndone those things which wee ought to haue done, And we haue done those things which we ought not to haue done, And there is no health in vs: But thou, O Lord, haue mercy vpon vs miserable offenders, Spare thou them, O God, which confesse their faults, Restore thou them that be penitent, according to thy promises declared vnto mankinde in Christ Iesu our Lord; And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that wee may hereafter liue a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

¶ The absolution to bee pronounced by the Priest alone.

ALmighty God, the Father of our Lord Iesus Christ, which desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that hee may turne from his wickednesse and liue, and hath giuen power and commandement to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sinnes: he pardoneth and absolueth all them which truely repent, and vnfainedly beleeue his holy Gospel.

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Wherefore wee beseech him to grant vs true repentance and his holy Spirit, that those things may please him which wee doe at this present, and that the rest of our life hereafter may bee pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to his eternall ioy through Iesus Christ our Lord.

¶ The Priest shall begin, and say.

OUr Father which art in heauen. Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdome come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heauen. Giue vs this day our daily bread. And forgiue vs our trespasses, as we forgiue them that trespasse against vs. And leade vs not into temptation: but deliuer vs from euill: for thine is the kingdome, the power and the glory, for euer and euer. Amen.

¶ Then likewise he shall say.

O Lord open thou our lips.

Answer.

And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Priest.

O God make speed to saue vs.

Answer.

O Lord make haste to helpe vs.

Priest.

Glory bee to the Father, and to the Sonne, and to the holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and euer shall be, world without end, Amen.

Praise yee the Lord.

¶ Then ſhall be ſaid or ſung this Pſalme following, in ſtead of *Venite exultemus.*

1 Pſal. 18. I Will loue thee, O Lord, my ſtrength: the Lord is my ſtonie rocke and my defence, my Sauiour, my God and my might in whom I will truſt, my buckler, the horne alſo of my ſaluation, and my refuge.

2 In my trouble I will call vpon the Lord, and complaine vnto my God: ſo ſhall I be ſafe from mine enemies.

3 So ſhall hee heare my voyce out of his holy Temple: and my complaint ſhall come before him, it ſhall enter euen into his eares.

4 Pſal. 102. Heare my prayer, O Lord: and let my crying come vnto thee.

5 Hide not thy face from mee in the time of my trouble: incline thine eare vnto me when I call, oh heare me, and that right ſoone.

6 Pſal. 55. The enemie cryeth ſo, and the vngodly commeth on ſo faſt: for they are minded to doe mee ſome miſchiefe, ſo maliciouſly are they ſet againſt me.

7 Pſal. 44. Thou art my King, O God: ſend helpe vnto Iacob.

8 Through thee will wee ouerthrow our enemies: and in thy Name will wee tread them vnder that riſe vp againſt vs.

9 For I will not truſt in my bow: it is not my ſword that ſhall helpe me.

But

But it is thou that saueſt vs from our enemies: and 10
putteſt them to confuſion that hate vs.

There is no King that can bee saued by the 11
multitude of an hoſte: neither is any mighty Pſal.33.
man deliuered by much ſtrength.

Therefore in thee, O Lord, haue I put my truſt: 12
let me neuer bee put to confuſion, deliuer mee in thy Pſal.31.
righteouſneſſe.

Bow downe thine eare to me, and saue mee: 13
make haſte to deliuer me.

My time is in thy hand, deliuer me from the hand 14
of mine enemies: and from them that perſecute me.

Pleade thou my cauſe, O Lord, with them 15
that ſtriue with mee: and fight thou againſt Pſal.35.
them that fight againſt me.

Lay hand vpon the ſhield and buckler: and ſtand 16
vp to helpe me.

Bring foorth the ſpeare, and ſtop the way a- 17
gainſt them that perſecute mee: ſay vnto my
ſoule, I am thy ſaluation.

Let them bee confounded, and put to ſhame that 18
ſeeke after my ſoule: let them bee turned backe, and
brought to confuſion that imagine miſchiefe for me.

Let them be as the duſt before the wind: and 19
the Angel of the Lord ſcattering them.

Let their way bee darke and ſlippery: and the An- 20
gel of the Lord perſecute them.

But let the eye of the Lord be vpon them that 21
feare him: and put their truſt in his mercie. Pſal.33.

To deliuer their ſoules from death: and to feed 22
them in the time of dearth.

O Lord,

23 **O Lord, take heed vnto mee and heare mee: how I mourne in my prayer, and am vexed.**
Psal.55.

24 For I will confesse my wickednesse: and bee sorry for my sinne.
Psal. 38.

25 **I said, I will confesse my sinnes vnto the Lord: and so thou forgauest the wickednesse of my sinne.**
Psal. 32.

26 For this shal euery one that is godly make his prayer vnto thee, in a time when thou mayest bee found: but in the great water floods they shall not come nigh him.

27 **The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise.**
Psal. 51.

28 O bee fauourable and gracious vnto Sion: build thou the walles of Ierusalem.

29 **And now, Lord, what is my hope? truly my hope is euen in thee.**
Psal. 39.

30 Let thy mercifull kindnesse be vpon vs: like as wee doe put our trust in thee.
Psal. 33.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Sonne, and to the holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and euer shall be, world without end, Amen.

Domine

Domine, Deus meus. Psal. 7.

O Lord my God, in thee haue I put my trust: saue mee from all them that persecute me, and deliuer me.

2 Lest hee deuoure my soule like a Lyon, and teare it in pieces: while there is none to helpe.

3 O Lord my God, if I haue done any such thing: or if there bee any wickednesse in my hands.

4 If I haue rewarded euill vnto him that dealt friendly with mee: yea, I haue deliuered him that without any cause is mine enemie.

5 Then let mine enemy persecute my soule, and take mee: yea, let him tread my life downe vpon the earth, and lay mine honour in the dust.

6 Stand vp, O Lord, in thy wrath, and lift vp thy selfe: because of the indignation of mine enemies, arise vp for me in the iudgement that thou hast commanded.

7 And so shall the congregation of the people come about thee: for their sakes therefore lift vp thy selfe againe.

8 The Lord shall iudge the people, giue sentence with me, O Lord: according to my righteousnesse, and according to the innocency that is in me.

9 Oh let the wickednesse of the vngodly come to an end: but guide thou the iust.

10 For the righteous God: tryeth the very hearts and reines.

11 My helpe commeth of God: which preserueth them that are true of heart.

12 God is a righteous Judge, strong and patient: and God is prouoked euery day.

13 If a man will not turne, hee will whet his sword: hee hath bent his bow, and made it readie.

14 He hath prepared for him the instruments of death: he ordaineth his arrowes against the persecutors.

15 Behold, he trauaileth with mischiefe: he hath conceiued sorrow, and brought forth vngodlinesse.

16 He hath grauen and digged a pit: and is fallen himselfe into the destruction that he made for other.

17 For his trauell shall come vpon his owne head: and his wickednesse shall fall on his owne pate.

18 I will giue thankes vnto the Lord, according to his righteousnesse: and I will praise the Name of the Lord, the most High.

Glory bee to the Father, and to the Sonne: and to the holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and euer shall be: world without end. Amen.

Inclina

Inclina Domine. Psal. 86.

BOwe downe thine eare, O Lord, and heare me: for I am poore and in misery.

2 Preserue thou my soule, for I am holy: my God, saue thy seruant that putteth his trust in thee.

3 Be merciful vnto me, O Lord: for I will call dayly vpon thee.

4 Comfort the soule of thy seruant: for vnto thee (O Lord) doe I lift vp my soule.

5 For thou Lord art good and gracious: and of great mercy vnto all them that call vpon thee.

6 Giue eare Lord vnto my prayer: and ponder the voyce of my humble desires.

7 In the time of my trouble I will call vpon thee: for thou hearest me.

8 Among the gods there is none like vnto thee, (O Lord:) there is not one that can doe as thou doest.

9 All Nations whom thou hast made, shall come and worship thee, O Lord: and shall glorifie thy Name.

10 For thou art great, and doest wonderous things: thou art God alone.

11 Teach mee thy way, O Lord, and I will walke in thy truth: O knit my heart vnto thee, that I may feare thy Name.

12 I will thanke thee, O Lord my God, with

all my heart: and will praise thy Name for euermore.

13 For great is thy mercy toward mee: and thou hast deliuered my soule from the nethermost hell.

14 O God, the proude are risen against mee: and the congregations of naughty men haue sought after my soule, and haue not set thee before their eyes.

15 But thou, O Lord God, art full of compassion and mercy: long suffering, plenteous in goodnesse and trueth.

16 O turne thee then vnto me, and haue mercie vpon me: giue thy strength vnto thy seruant, and helpe the sonne of thine handmaid.

17 Shew some good token vpon me for good, that they which hate me may see it and be ashamed: because thou Lord hast holpen mee, and comforted me.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Sonne: and to the holy Ghost.

As it was in was in the beginning, is now, and euer shall be: world without end, Amen.

¶ The first Lesson, 2. *Chron. Chapter* 20. to the end of the 30. verse. Of *Iehoshaphats* Prayer and Victory.

MY soule doeth magnifie the Lord: and my spirit hath reioyced in God my Sauiour. *Magnificat Luke 1.*

For he hath regarded: the lowlinesse of his handmayden.

For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.

For hee that is mightie hath magnified mee: and holy is his Name.

And his mercie is on them that feare him: throughout all generations.

He hath shewed strength with his arme: hee hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

Hee hath put downe the mightie from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meeke.

He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent emptie away.

Hee remembring his mercy hath holpen his seruant Israel: as hee promised to our forefathers, Abraham, and his seed for euer.

Glory bee to the Father, and to the Sonne: and to the holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and euer shall be: world without end. Amen.

¶ The second Lesson, *Hebrewes* 11. or, *Ephesians* 6. Of the Armour of God.

Nunc dimittis.
Luk.2.29.

LOrd now lettest thou thy seruant depart in peace: according to thy word.

For mine eyes haue seene thy saluation.

Which thou hast prepared: before the face of all people.

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory bee to the Father, and to the Sonne: and to the holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and euer shall be: world without end. Amen.

Or the 67. Psalme.

GOD bee merciſull vnto vs, and blesse vs: and shew vs the light of his countenance, and be merciſull vnto vs.

That thy way bee knowen vpon earth: thy sauing health among all Nations.

Let the people praise thee, O God: yea, let all the people praise thee.

O let the Nations reioyce and bee glad: for thou shalt iudge the folke righteoully, and gouerne the nations vpon earth.

Let the people praise thee, O God: let all the people praise thee.

Then shall the earth bring forth her increase:

crease: and God, euen our owne God, shall giue vs his blessing.

God shall blesse vs: and all the ends of the world shall feare him.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Sonne: and to the holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and euer shall be: world without end. Amen.

¶ The Creede to be said standing.

I Beleeue in God the Father Almighty, maker of heauen and earth: and in Iesus Christ his onely Sonne our Lord, which was conceiued by the holy Ghost, borne of the Virgine Mary, suffered vnder Ponce Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried, hee descended into hell, the third day he rose againe from the dead, he ascended into heauen, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to iudge the quicke and the dead. I beleeue in the holy Ghost, the holy Catholique Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiuenesse of sinnes, the resurrection of the body, and the life euerlasting. Amen.

The prayers, all deuoutly kneeling.

The Lord be with you.

Answere.

And with thy spirit.

Priest.

Priest.

¶ Let vs pray.

Lord haue mercy vpon vs.

Christ haue mercy vpon vs.

Lord haue mercy vpon vs.

¶ Then the Priest, Clerkes, and people, shall say the Lords prayer with a loud voice.

OUr Father which art in heauen, hallowed bee thy Name. Thy kingdome come. Thy will bee done in earth, as it is in heauen. Giue vs this day our dayly bread. And forgiue vs our trespasses, as we forgiue them that trespasse against vs. And leade vs not into temptation: but deliuer vs from euill. For thine is the kingdome, the power, and the glory, for euer and euer. Amen.

¶ Then the Priest standing vp shall say.

O Lord shew thy mercy vpon vs.

Answer.

And grant vs thy saluation.

Priest.

O Lord saue the King.

Answer.

And mercifully heare vs when wee call vpon thee.

Priest.

O Lord saue thy seruants.

Answer,

Answer.

Who doe put their trust in thee.

Priest.

Send them helpe from thy holy place.

Answer.

And euermore mightily defend them.

Priest.

Let our enemies haue no aduantage ouer vs.

Answer.

Nor the wicked approach to hurt vs.

Priest.

Be vnto vs O Lord a strong Tower.

Answer.

From the face of our enemies.

Priest.

O Lord heare our prayer.

Answer.

And let our cry come vnto thee.

Priest.

Indue thy Ministers with righteousnesse.

Answer.

And make thy chosen people ioyfull.

Priest.

O Lord saue thy people.

Answer.

And blesse thine inheritance.

Priest.

Giue peace in our time, O Lord.

Answer.

Because there is none other that fighteth for vs, but onely thou, O God.

Priest.

O God make cleane our hearts within vs.

Answer.

And take not thy holy Spirit from vs.

Priest.

¶ Let vs pray.

¶ The first Collect for the day.

O Almighty God, King of all kings, and gouernour of all things, whose power no creature is able to resist, to whom it belongeth iustly to punish sinners, and to bee merciful to them that truely repent: saue and deliuer vs (wee humbly beseech thee) from the hands of our enemies, abate their pride, assuage their malice, and confound their deuices, that wee being armed with thy defence, may be preserued euermore from all perils, to glorifie thee, which art the onely giuer of all victory, through the merits of thy onely Sonne Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Or this.

O Lord Creatour of all things, and gouernor of all the kingdomes of the world, looke downe, we beseech thee, in mercy vpon the estate of this Realme which is now in danger to bee assaulted by the enemies thereof. Thou seest, O Lord, how they make a murmuring, how they

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conspire daily and take counsell together against thee and against thine Anoynted. We therefore humbly pray thee to extend thine accustomed goodnesse to vs in the defence of our land, saue and deliuer vs from the hands of all such as threaten our destruction. Protect the person of our gracious Soueraigne, direct his Counsels, goe forth with his Armies, be vnto him, and to vs all a wall of brasse, and a strong tower of defence against the face of our enemies; that so we being safe through thy mercy, may liue to serue thee in thy Church, and euer to giue thee praise and glory, through Iesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Or this against the Pestilence.

O Most mercifull God, we giue thee praise and thankes for the wonderfull ceasing of the late raging pestilence in the chiefe city of our kingdome. Thou didst most graciously accept our vndeserued Repentance before thee; we beseech thee to giue vs the grace of greater humiliation, and to shew vs yet further mercy. Lord looke vpon all parts of this kingdome with compassion, and keepe backe the destroying Angel, that hee enter not into the places that bee free, nor make further waste of those which bee already visited. Comfort them that are sicke, preserue them that are sound, receiue them that die, to mercy; that liuing and dying, they and

we may continue thy faithfull seruants, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

¶ The second Collect.

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all iust workes doe proceede: giue vnto thy seruants that peace which the world cannot giue, that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandements, and also that by thee we being defended from the feare of our enemies, may passe our time in rest and quietnesse, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Sauiour. Amen.

¶ The third Collect.

LIghten our darkenesse we beseech thee, O Lord, and by thy great mercy defend vs from all perils and dangers of this night, for the loue of thy onely Sonne our Sauiour Jesus Christ. Amen.

¶ The prayer for the King.

O Lord our heauenly Father, High and Mighty King of Kings, Lord of Lords, the onely ruler of Princes, which doest from thy Throne behold all the dwellers vpon earth, most heartily we beseech thee with thy fauour to behold our most gracious Souereigne Lord

King

King Charles, and so replenish him with the grace of thy holy Spirit, that hee may alway incline to thy will and walke in thy way, endue him plenteously with heauenly gifts, grant him in health & wealth long to liue, strengthen him that hee may vanquish and ouercome all his enemies, and finally after this life, hee may attaine euerlasting ioy and felicity, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A prayer for the Queene, Prince Fredericke, the Lady Elizabeth, and their children.

ALmightie God, the fountaine of all goodnesse, we humbly beseech thee, to blesse our most gracious Queene Mary, Fredericke the Prince Elector Palatine, the Lady Elizabeth his wife, with their children: Endue them with thy holy Spirit, enrich them with thy heauenly grace, prosper them with all happinesse, and bring them to thine euerlasting Kingdome, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The prayer for the Bishops and Clergy.

ALmighty and euerlasting God, which onely workest great marueiles, send downe vpon our Bishops and Curates, and all Congregations committed to their charge, the healthfull spirit of thy grace, and that they may truely please thee, power vpon them the continuall

dew of thy blessing: Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Aduocate and Mediatour Iesus Christ. Amen.

A prayer of Chrysostome.

ALmighty God, which hast giuen vs grace at this time with one accord, to make our common supplications vnto thee, and doest promise that when two or three be gathered together in thy Name, thou wilt grant their requests: fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy seruants, as may bee most expedient for them, granting vs in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life euerlasting. Amen.

2 Corinthians 13.

THe grace of our Lord Iesus Christ, and the loue of God, and the fellowship of the holy Ghost, be with vs all. Amen.

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¶ A Generall and Christian Exhortation, in the time of danger, and feare of Gods IVDGEMENTS.

IT is not long since (as you know) that Almighty God, who iustly scourged vs with his Chastizing rods, of Famine, and the latter by Pestilence, did after that his Fatherly correction, vpon our publique Humiliation, both satisfie our hungry soules with plentie, and likewise so miraculously deliuer vs from the iawes of death, in the principall part of this Kingdome, as if wee had heard him command his Destroying Angell, saying, Stay thy hand, it is sufficient, and immediatly the Plague ceased. As therefore the sense of his fiery indignation may terrifie vs from all further prouocation of his wrath, by custome of sinning; so ought the experience of his exceeding mercy challenge

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from vs an humble thankefulnesse, and constant obedience to his will. Notwithstanding, (O, the perfidiousnesse of the carnall heart of man!) who seeth not that God hath discouered our hypocrisies, by his Plague yet remaining in diuers parts of this Realme? seeing that we cannot but know that these coales of his fierce wrath, had not further burned, except they had beene kindled by our rebellious affections, which are set on fire of hell. For what els are the visible Iudgements of God, but reall reproofes of our sinnes, and expressions of his wrathfull displeasure against vs? Wherefore we may much suspect our selues, that wee by Gods late affliction were rather humbled, than truely humble; being as it were forced to that our outward humiliation, more by a slauish feare, than by any filiall sorrow for our transgressions of his will, and for abuse of his patience; much lesse by loue of that his mercy towards vs, in our marueilous deliuerance.

Yet may you not vnderstand this so spoken of vs, as thereby to condemne all outward Humiliation in Feare, whensoeuer we are vnder Gods hand of correction: No; for the holy Ghost noteth such Obstinates, who being * Strucken of God grieued not at all, * nor trembled at his presence, *nor said in their hearts, Let vs serue the Lord: and condemneth them, as Foolish and ignorant of the wayes of the Lord, & the Iudgments of their God; & accordingly denounceth Gods iust vengeance against

* Ier. 5. 3.
* & cap. 22.
* & cap. 24. 4.

against them. For what greater affront and irreuerence can be done to the Maiestie of God, then not to quake and tremble, when they see Gods hand of vengeance present before them? or how can they conceiue that God will compassionate their miseries, whose hearts are so hard, that the furnace of Gods wrath cannot melt them? Know yee therefore, Beloued, and let it be printed in your soules, as a necessarie trueth, that the greatest cause of feare, is our not fearing of the visible Iudgements of God. This God himselfe sheweth, by binding himselfe with an oath, that they who gaue themselues * To eating, drinking, and reioycing, in the daies of mourning and weeping, should certainely die and perish. * Isa.22.12.

Neuertheleſſe, all they that would truely vnderstand themselues, that their conuersion vnto God, is sincere and vnfained, let them not bee contented to bee driuen to a religious walking before God, onely by feare of punishment; but contend especially by all holy meanes, to be animated with that loue of the goodnesse of God, whereof the Apostle speaketh, saying, * The goodnesse of God leadeth to repentance: The roote of the former is somewhat bitter, and the fruit sowre; the other of loue is as a spirituall wine, which may be said to * glad the heart both of God and man; men on earth, blessed Saints and Angels in heauen, and euen God himselfe being delighted at the true conuersion of a sinner. * Rom.2. * Iudg.9.13.

All this while haue we spoken of Plague and Famine, the two instruments of death, and executioners of Gods vengeance; and wish that no other matter of horrour and dread, could be represented vnto you. But (alas the intollerable burthen of our sinnes!) the Watchmen that stand on the highest tower of this kingdome, being asked what they see, doe answere, and behold, a compleat, vast, and eminent preparation to warre against vs, by an Enemy, mighty in power, in malice implacable, in rage bent and incensed to the vtter destruction of our nation, as being that which chiefely maintaineth the Euangel call trueth, and withstandeth his boundlesse and vnsatiable ambition.

This being our present doubtfull and dangerous condition, what can wee conceiue or pretend, that we should not thinke our selues lyable and subiect to this the greatest and most terrible vengeance, euen the deuouring sword? Shal we now conceit, that wee are become more conformable to the Commandements of God, than heretofore? Let euery one open his eyes both of minde and body, looking aswell inwardly into the closet of his owne heart, as outwardly vpon the actions of other men, and then let him tell; are not men, commonly, as sensually prophane as they haue been? their drunkennesse as generall and loathsome, their swearing as prodigious, their pride as Satanicall, their hatred as rankorous and inueterate, and, of all other

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reigning sinnes, some as vnreproued by Preachers, many as vnpunished by Magistrates, & almost all as vnrepented of by transgressours themselues? who after their afflictions are now growen so obstinate, as if they had made their hearts as anuells, to bee more and more hardened by the late strokes of Gods vengeance. Wherefore, as long as wee rebelliously oppose against God an army of our sinnes, let vs expect hee will bring vpon vs his hoste of reuengefull enemies, as hee once denounced against his people, saying, that hee would * Hisse for the Flie that is in the vttermost part of the riuers of Egypt, and for the Bee that is in the land of Assyria; which (sayth hee) shall come with arrowes and bowes, that is to say, in huge multitudes of armed enemies suddainely prest and prepared to execute Gods iudgements. * Isa. 7. 18.

O, but some will say, Are not we the professours of Gods trueth, hauing the light of his Gospel among vs, together with the holy seales of his Couenant? True, our Church of England, by the singular mercie of God in Christ Iesus, may truely and confidently boast her selfe, in comparison with any other, that shee vnder a most gracious and religious King, is for trueth of doctrine and puritie of worship, as truely Catholike and Orthodox, as euer any Church of Christ hath been since the dayes of the Apostles; insomuch that in this our English and Spanish Warre, Trueth may seeme

to fight against Falsehood, Innocence against Antichristian cruelty, and syncerity of worship against flat Idolatry, and therefore (say you) what can bee expected from God by vs in this battell, but victory and great triumph? Nay, deceiue not your owne selues, by claime of false priuiledges, as though, forsooth, Israel (euen the peculiar and onely people of God, carying the signe of his Couenant in their flesh, acquainted with his Oracles, and possessed of the Arke and Temple of God) did not (notwithstanding) complaine, that God * went not out with their Armies, but forsooke them, so that they turned their backe vpon their enemies; that * Gods Arke (the glory of Israel, and Ensigne of the victorious God) was taken of the heathen; and that their whole nation was often enthralled in manifold Captiuities in Egypt and Babylon: a iustice against Gods people, which God himselfe did auow, when he spake of the sword, saying, * O Assyrian, The rod of mine anger, I will send thee against an hypocriticall nation, to destroy them.

* Psal. 44.

* 1 Sam. 4.

* Isa 10. 5.

In which processe of Gods iudgement against his people, we are to contemplate and consider, the Holinesse, Iustice, and Power of our zealous God, together with the abomination of our owne sinnes. So holy a God is he, that he will not acknowledge any Professour of his Law, who is not also a practiser of Pietie and Holinesse; so Iust, that hee will at length afflict his owne children for their wilfull transgressions;

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to Powerfull, that hee can of beasts, elements, diseases, and (if these will not serue) of the very heathen, and enemies of Gods Truth, and of their mortally maliciours swords, make rods to correct them. Whereunto the Prophet giueth his acclamation, saying, * O mighty God, thou hast ordained them (viz. the heathen) for correction. And how shall not the transgressour himselfe appeare to bee abominable, who prophaneth that Religion of God with his wicked life, which hee professeth with his breath; thereby causing, as much as in him is, the Name and Truth of God, to be blasphemed among the aduersaries thereof, as if God were a patronizer and protector of wickednesse. But say not with your selues, that the light of Gods glory shall be any whit eclipsed by punishing his owne people: No, but the contrary, as the Prophet sheweth, saying, * The Lord of hostes will be exalted in iudgement, and God that is holy, will bee sanctified in righteousnesse, that is, in his auenging Justice. This may be sufficient for remooving those fond pretences, which, like false Prophets, most commonly seduce the hearts of men.

* Hab. 1. 12.

* Isa. 5. 16.

In the next place, it will concerne you (deare Brethren) to seeke the meanes of pacifying Gods wrath, and of preuenting his fearefull Judgments, and by a true reconciliation to God, your sins being put away by repentance, to obtaine, that you may become victorious in battel. To this end, you are to examine what is your

greatest hinderance. Surely no greater danger can be imagined, then mans security & neglect of danger; nor can there be any greater security, then either not to be willing to know, or knowing, not to prepare against it. Vnderstand it we ought, because * when God (saith the Prophet) giueth his alarme to warre, and bloweth his Trumpet, that is, giueth you full assurance of battell, and you will not hearken, surely the sword shall come: And when God * setteth vp his Ensigne, that is, sheweth manifest euidences of the approach of the sword, and men are * possessed with a spirit of slumber, and wil not see: When they rather imbrace such false prophets, who cry * Peace, peace, vnto them; when they make a couenant with death, as if they should say, Come what come will, wee will shift for our selues, all this shall be disanulled, say the Prophets; so that indeed, each one of these men are no better then Salomons * Foole, that would needs bee sleeping vpon the top of the mast, and therefore is in a desperate case.

* Ier. 6. 17.
* Is. 5. 26. & cap. 18.
* Isa. 29.
* Ezech. 9.
* Isa. 28.
* Prou. 23.

Furthermore, what helpeth it vs to haue true and infallible intelligence of a malicious & puissant enemie, and yet not to prouide how to encounter him, as well with Spirituall, as Corporall weapons? Our Spirituall preparation is prescribed vnto vs in the Word of God; * Sanctifie a Fast vnto mee, saith God by his Prophet; and certainly a Sanctified Fast it must bee, by holy abstinence in afflicting our selues, by holy deuotion in Prayer, and worshipping of

* Ioel 1.

God,

God, by holy Repentance, and abrenuntiation of our former sinnes, by holy vowes and promises of amendment of life & performance therof. For wonderfull are the conquests which the Worthies of God haue atchieued and gotten in their true humiliation of Abstinence, Prayer, & Deuotion. Moses vanquished Amalek; King Iehosaphat sheathed the sword of the Amorites and Moabites in their owne bowels; King Hezechias frustrated the huge hoste of Senacherib, and turned them backe to their owne home: And our Gracious Soueraigne followeth the examples of those religious Kings, by his royall command of a Fast, and personall performance of Deuotion, and that (as wee pray, and hope, to obtaine) with like glorious successe.

Our next Spirituall preuention, to wit, our Repentance, is the subiect of most Sermons, and can neuer bee superfluously taught, because neuer sufficiently learned: Yet at this time it may suffice to take out this one Lesson, euen the obseruation of * Achior; that Gods people could neuer bee ouercome, so long as they were at peace with God; nor could they euer preuaile against their enemies, so long as their owne sinnes, as their deadliest enemies, fought against them, because of vnrepentance. Hence was that Caueat, which God gaue vnto the impenitents in Israel, * Goe not vp against your enemies to war, lest ye die. No maruaile then, if when man in his peuersenesse, turneth his necessitie

Iudith 5.

* Deut. 1.

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of Repentance into a libertie and licentiousnesse of sinning, God in his Justice turne his libertie of pardoning into a necessitie of punishing. Aboue all things therefore (Brethren) seeke after him in faith and repentance, in weeping, fasting, and praying, who is our reconciliation with the Father, Iesus Christ our Lord; so shall the voyce of his blood, shed for vs, crie downe the voyce of all our crying and bloody sinnes.

But are men spirits onely? Are they to fight their Battels onely with Spirituall Armour? No; for were not that to tempt God, in neglecting the good meanes ordained by him for that end? Verely politique preparations are Gods ordinance, and haue euer beene vsed by his good seruants, in their greatest confidence of his protection, euen when God himselfe hath commanded them to goe out to battell against his & their enemies. Abraham, Moses, Iosiua, Dauid, were all warriers, and famous in their generations, in fighting the Lords battels; yet read we not, that any of them euer went out to battell without due preparation of meanes. Wee reade of the great, mightie, and numerous armies of Gods owne people, and their strength and meanes imployed for their warres. Wee reade of Lawes of Armes, and Counsels of warre; and we find also Gods incouragement to Captaines, and Warriers, as in raising *Iudges to Israel, to know and prouide against the dangers approching, and to gather

Leu. & Num.
*Isa.
*Iudg. 3. &c.

gather the people together, to conduct and direct them to fight their battels; such as were Othniel, and Shamgar, of whom it is sayd, * The Spirit of the Lord came vpon them, and they fought. And we reade of * The sword of the Lord, and of Gideon, that is, Gods powerfull helpe by the hand of Gideon, and the people with him.

* Iudg. 3.

* Iudg. 7.

And it is the same Spirit of the Lord that informeth the hearts of good people in their duties to God, their King, and their Country; and inflameth the affections of all loyall Subiects with a ready and cheereful resolution, to imploy their bodies, strength, and meanes for the preseruation of Gods Annoynted, their Gracious Soueraigne, and the safetie of the kingdome, especially in a Defensiue Warre, as this is, in which, Gods cause, and true Religion is also assaulted. And who is there, a subiect of this State, and member of this Church, of what degree and calling soeuer, that hath not his share & part herein, and is not imbarked in this ship of the care of the publike safety? So that the welfare of the whole is his welfare, and the ill speeding of this vessell, cannot but be the shipwrack and ruine of himselfe, & of all that are most deare vnto him. And therefore if through our backewardnes, and neglect of due preparation, to resist and oppose an inuading enemie, as well by the people and Souldiers, as by the Prince and the Leaders, wee shall become guilty of our owne ruine, and giue opportunitie and incourage-

ment to the maleuolent mighty enemie, to exercise his rage and cruelty, with vnbounded and vnlimited fury, against all places and persons that come in his way: shall wee not iustly be taxed of failing in our duety in respect both of publicke and priuate?

Yet in the height and best of our care, meanes and preparation, then doeth our hope become victorious, when in confidence of Gods helpe and protection, our Spirituall and Temporall forces are vnited together; but much more relying vpon our Spirituall munition, which hath an obligation of promise with God, then vpon our politique, temporall, and corporall.

Memorable and admirable is the story of Moses, who was praying while his Captaines and Souldiers were fighting with Amalek; and so it fell out, that while Moses held vp his hands in prayer, Israel had the better, but so soone as his hands failed and fell downe, Amalek the enemy preuailed. What else doeth this teach vs, but that whosoeuer they be that fight, Victory is absolutely in the will and power of God; and therefore when wee prepare for battell, not to put our trust in the arme of flesh, but to put and haue our confidence onely in our God, the Lord of Hostes; and hauing, as it behoueth vs, in the feare of God, made due preparation of all good meanes, to put on our Armour, and goe to the seruice with bended knees, and penitent hearts, strengthened with Faith,

to

to call by feruent Prayer for His helpe and protection, that couereth our heads in the day of battell, giueth victory to Kings, protecteth His faithfull, and neuer faileth them that faithfully call vpon him in the time of necessitie?

The Prophet Dauid hath summed vp all that can be spoken hereof, in one verse, * Our helpe is in the Name of the Lord, which hath made heauen and earth. So then, whosoeuer shall distrust the arme of the Almightie, or doubt of the strength of the Lord of Hosts, hee thereby offendeth against both heauen and earth, because all kinde of creatures both in heauen and earth are the Armies and prest Souldiers of God, to fight his battels, euen from the hoast of his Angels aboue, to the flies, lice, and wormes that are ingendred in the dust: and hee can execute his iudgements by what meanes soeuer, whether they be ordinary or miraculous: For hee threw downe the walls of Iericho by the blast of * Rams hornes; hee gaue victory to Israel, by the holding vp of Moses his * hands: he discomfited the host of the Madianites, at the sound of * Trumpets, and noyse of mens voyces, and clashing of pitchers together: hee infused strength into the very haire of Samsons head, when Samson exulted, saying of his slaine, * Heapes vpon heapes of a thousand, by the jaw-bone of an Asse. But miracles now are for vnbeleeuers.

* Psal. 126.

* Ios. 6.

* Exod. 17.

* Iudg. 7.

* Iudg. 1[illegible]

In the last place therefore, let vs examine the more ordinary prouidence of God, which may

beget confidence in all extremities of warfare. What can man feare, being in reconciliation and confederacy with God, when our enemies are made the enemies of God? Is it the policy of their Counsells? But hee confoundeth the counsell of Achitophel. Is it that enemies combine together in the name of an holy league? But when they say, *a Confederacy, God maketh them like a wheele turned with the spirit of giddinesse. Is it the courage of their hearts? But he possesseth the enemies hearts with *feare, and maketh the hearts of * Canaanites to melt. Is it their strength or hugenes of stature? But were they the children of Anakims and Gyants, and wee but as Grashoppers in comparison of them; yet * Feare them not (saith God) I will goe before you. Is it the multitude of their hoasts? But it is the glory of God to ouerthrow many *thousands by a few hundreds. Is it their ioynt and united forces? But hee * setteth the Egyptians against the Egyptians. Is it their importunitie, not to bee satisfied till they fight? But either hee will draw * Senacherib backe from warring against Israel, by a rumour of warres begun in the bowels of his owne kingdome, or else, if they will needes battell, hee will hale them on thereunto * to their owne destruction. Is it because no man can tell, when there shall come deliuerance? But hee can doe this to our astonishment, before wee can thinke on it. * When God turned the Captiuitie of Sion,

* Psal. 83.
* Deut. 2.
* Ios. 5.
* Num. 13. & 14.
* Iudg. 7.
* Isa. 19.
* 1. King. 19.
* Iosh. 11.
* Psal. 126.

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wee were like vnto them that dreamed, saith Israel: as not perswaded it was so, no not when they saw it. Againe, what greater matter of confidence can wee haue then our former experience of Gods prouidence? Dauids remembrance of his deliuerance from the * Lyon and the Beare did animate him in the encountering with that huge Goliah. And is there any Nation at this day vnder heauen that hath greater experience of Gods manifold deliuerances, then this our kingdome, especially from the fiery *Powder-plot*, and from the *Spanish Inuasion* by water? in respect wherof we might here take vp a iong answerable to that of Deborah of the riuer Kishon; so we, *The maine Ocean swept them away, the ancient and maine Ocean. To conclude, doe we cleaue fast to God? then their armes cannot touch vs * It is he that maketh Warre to cease, knappeth the Speare asunder, and burneth the Chariot with fire. Nor can our enemies auoyd the sword, when it shalbee inforced vpon them, for then, as saith the Prophet, who can say to the sword of the Lord, Put vp thy selfe into thy scabbard, rest and bee still? It is answered, * How can it be quiet, seeing the Lord hath giuen it a charge against *Askalon*.

* 1. Sam. 16.

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* Iudg. 5. 21.

* Psal. 46.

* Ier. 47.

Finally (deare Brethren) bee you exhorted againe and againe, to serious and speedy repentance, the onely meanes whereby the wrath euen of the omnipotent God is made impotent: And (howsoeuer God shall be pleased to dispose of your bodily liues) aboue all things seeke to be

furnished with the compleate spirituall armour of God, consisting of truth, hope, inward righteousnesse, and purity of a good conscience, whereby we may subdue all spirituall enemies that may assault our soules, and in the end bee made possessours of that euerlasting kingdome of blessednesse, which hath beene so deerely purchased by Christ our Sauiour, and prepared for all that with faith and patience expect the glorious appearance of his comming, according vnto the euerlasting mercy of our most gracious and omnipotent God, to whom bee rendred all praise, power, and thanksgiuing, both now and euermore, AMEN.

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